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SUBJECT: AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION DELEGATION VISIT TO USSR

REF: PRYCE/NOAH CORRESPONDENCE

1. AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION DELEGATION, CONSISTING OF JOHN P. BRACKEN, JUDGE SHIRLEY M. HUFSTEDLER, AND CHESTERFIELD SMITH, VISITING SOVIET UNION AT INVITATION OF ASSN OF SOVIET LAWYERS SCHEDULED ARRIVE MOSCOW FROM LONDON MAY TWENTY-FIVE AT 19:00 VIA SU 202 AND DEPART MOSCOW JUNE SEVEN FOR WARSAW AT 08:25 VIA SU 101. DEPT IS FUNDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR DELEGATES WHOSE SPOUSES WILL ACCOMPANY AT OWN EXPENSE.

2. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVEMB PUBLIC CULTURAL EX-CHANGE OFFICER GENNADIY FEDOSOV AND CU/EE IN FEBRUARY, DEL REP BRACKEN CONVEYED FOLLWOING DEL SUGGESTIONS TO FEDOSOV FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ASSN. OF SOV. LAWYERS:

A. PREFERRED ITINERARY WOULD INCLUDE MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, AND TASHKENT WITH SIDE TRIP TO SAMARKAND.

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B. PROGRAM TO INCLUDE:

(1) DISCUSSIONS WITH JUDGES AND LAWYERS ON: COMPARATIVE LEGAL SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES; THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF LAWYERS; AND THE STATUS OF INDIVIDUAL LAWYERS IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PROCEEDINGS AND IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOREIGN CORPORATIONS.

(2) VISIT TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL TRIALS.

(3) MEETINGS WITH LEGAL DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, GOS BANK, AND VARIOUS SOVIET TRADING ORGANIZATIONS. DISCUSSIONS COULD INCLUDE: PRINCIPLES OF ARBITRATION IN HANDLING DISPUTES INVOLVING FOREIGN TRADE AND EXCHANGES OF VIEW IN BROAD AREA OF COMMERCIAL LAW.

(4) DISCUSSIONS ON RELATIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF JUDICIARY OF EACH COUNTRY.

(5) CALL ON SOVIET CHIEF JUSTICE LEV SMIRNOV (WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF ASSN OF SOV LAWYERS).

(6) VISIT TO A LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY.

(7) VISITS TO KREMLIN, LENIN'S TOMB, HERMITAGE, AND OTHER BUILDINGS OF CULTURAL AND HISTORIC INTEREST.

(8) ATTENDANCE AT A CONCERT AND A BALLET.

C. DEL ASSUMES THAT SOVS WILL PERMIT JUDGE HUFSTEDLER'S HUSBAND, A DISTINGUISHED LAWYER HIMSELF, TO PARTICIPATE IN LAW-RELATED PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO HIM AND ASKS WHETHER

SEPARATE TOURIST OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE PLANNED FOR MRS. SMITH AND BRACKEN WHEN IT NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUSBANDS.

D. DEL UNDERSTANDS THAT SOV HOSTS WILL ARRANGE PAYMENT FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATIONS OF DEL MEMBERS WHO WILL REIMBURSE HOSTS FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INCURRED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON BEHALF OF SPOUSES.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH CU/EE, FEDOSOV HAS REPORTED THAT SOV ASSN OF LAWYERS HAS PREPARED PROGRAM WHICH MEETS "95 PER CENT" OF DEL'S REQUESTS, BUT HAS REPEATEDLY FENDEED OFF OUR REQUESTS FOR A DRAFT PROGRAM AND ITINERARY BY SAYING THAT "FINAL DETAILS WILL BE ARRANGED WHEN DEL ARRIVES IN MOSCOW". IN RESPONSE TO OUR REPEATED REQUESTS FOR

CONTACT POINT WHERE EMB MOSCOW COULD DISCUSS PROGRAM FEDOS-
OV HAS TOLD US THAT VISIT BEING COORDINATED BY MR. SAAKOV
WHO CAN BE REACHED C/O UNION OF SOVIET FRIENDSHIP
SOCIETIES AND/OR ASSN OF SOVIET LAWYERS, WHICH FEDOSOV SAYS
OCCUPY DIFFERENT FLOORS OF SAME BUILDING.

4. REQUEST EMB CONTACT SAAKOV, REFER TO INFO CONTAINED
PARA 2, AND ATTEMPT ELICIT TENTATIVE PROGRAM. IN SO DOING,
EMB SHOULD NOTE THAT DEL HAS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED DEPT
THAT IT WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SCYTHIAN GOLD
EXHIBIT AT HERMITAGE, AND TOWN OF ZAGORSK, AND MEETINGS
WITH INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LAW.

5. DEL ALSO REQUESTS MEETINGS WITH SOV OFFICIALS WHO
WOULD BE IN POSITION TO DISCUSS PROGRAM OF FUTURE LAWYER-
TO-LAWYER EXCHANGES. DEL ALSO INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH
MIN FOREIGN TRADE TO DISCUSS CORPORATE LEGAL STAFFS IN US,
AND POSSIBLY ARRANGING FOR EXCHANGE VISITS OF SUCH PEOPLE.

6. DEPT WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN ANY SUGGESTIONS EMB
MAY HAVE RE BEST METHOD OF USING DEL'S VISIT TO LAY BASE
FOR CONTINUING ABA LEGAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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